

REMARKS

The present response is to the Office Action mailed in the above-referenced case on July 17, 2006. Claims 40-78 are presented for examination.

In the action the Examiner list claims 1-39 as standing for examination, and rejects claims 1-39 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being identical to and claiming the same invention as US patent 6412073.

In actuality the applicant filed a preliminary amendment with the original filing of the above-referenced case, in which claims 1-39 were cancelled, and new claims 40-78 were entered for examination. Applicant provides with this paper Exhibit "A" which is a copy of the preliminary amendment filed on 07/11/2003, with a copy of the stamped and returned postcard from the USPTO listing the preliminary amendment, and a copy of the Express Mail receipt for the filing of the case.

Accordingly the applicant has listed the new claims 40-78 as previously presented in this case and standing for examination, believing the Examiner must have just missed the presence of the preliminary amendment.

If any fees are due beyond fees paid with this response, authorization is made to deduct those fees from deposit account 50-0534. If any time extension is needed beyond any extension requested with this amendment, such extension is hereby requested.

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